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SUBJECT:
PRESS SUMMARY, JULY 25-29

1. NYT, JULY 25, PAGE 5, REUTERS FROM LONDON REPORTS
FORMER PRIME MINISTER HEATH CONCERNED CARTER HR STAND
MIGHT CONFLICT WITH OVERALL AIMS OF PROMOTING DETENTE
AT CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE. HEATH NOTED THE POLICY HAS
EVOKED APPREHENSIVE RESPONSE IN EUROPE AND THAT PROPOSED
ECONOMIC WEAPONS TO ENCOURAGE SOVIET CONCURRENCE UNLIKELY
SUCCESSFUL DUE TO ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES THROUGHOUT
WESTERN WORLD.

2. WSJ, JULY 25, PAGE 10, "REVIEW AND OUTLOOK" EDITORIAL
CITES VARIOUS REACTIONS AND CRITICISM SET IN SINCE
INCEPTION OF CARTER'S HR POLICY. YET MUCH HR TALK HAS
BEEN OVERLY IDEALISTIC. CRITICS ARE MISTAKEN IN THINKING
ALL NONDEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS ARE NATURAL ENEMIES OF HR
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AND PURSUIT OF HR IS THREAT TO ALL GOVERNMENTS EQUALLY.
HR IS NOT SOME TOTALLY NONPARTISAN CAUSE WITH NO SPECIAL
INTEREST IN ANY GOVERNMENT'S FATE. RESPECT FOR HR MOST
NEARLY EPITOMIZES THIS NATION'S CENTRAL IDEAL AND WE
MUST GET BETTER AT PROJECTING THAT IDEAL.

3. CSM, JULY 26, PAGE 3, ERIC BOURNE FROM VIENNA REPORTS

U.S. AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS IN DIRECT CONTACT IN
ENDEAVOR TO COMPLETE THIS WEEK THE PREPARATORY PHASE OF
BELGRADE CONFERENCE. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN
CHRISTOPHER CONFERRED LAST WEEK WITH CHIEF SOVIET
DELEGATE YULI VORONTSOV OVER RECENT DELAYS. FINAL
AGREEMENT STILL ELUSIVE ON MAIN QUESTION OF CLOSURE DATE
WITH SOVIETS HOLDING OUT FOR SET DURATION, WHILE WESTERN
AND MOST NONALIGNED COUNTRIES WANT MORE FLEXIBLE
TIMETABLE FOR THOROUGH REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE UNDER
HELSINKI ACT. -- -

4. BALTIMORE SUN, JULY 28, PAGE 4, "THE WORLD" NEWS
SUMMARIES REPORTS COMPROMISE IN SIGHT AT BELGRADE
MEETINGS AS U.S. BACKS DOWN ON ITS DEMAND THAT FALL
CONFERENCE BE OPEN-ENDED.

5. WP, JULY 29, PAGE 13, MICHAEL DOBBS FROM BELGRADE
REPORTS EAST AND WEST DELEGATES HAVE REACHED BROAD
AGREEMENT FOR FALL CONFERENCE AND EXPECT FORMAL APPROVAL
OF FINAL PACKAGE IN NEXT FEW DAYS. PATH TO THIS NEW
DRAFT OPENED BY SOFTENING OF WESTERN INSISTENCE THAT
THERE BE NO FIXED TIME LIMIT TO TALKS. THE MEETING WILL
BEGIN SEPTEMBER 27 AND ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE ITS WORK BY
DECEMBER 15. IF IMPOSSIBLE, IT WILL RESUME JANUARY 15
FOR "UP TO ONE MONTH." IN RETURN, SOVIETS FORCED TO
CONCEDE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES TO REVIEW EACH OF
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MAIN ELEMENTS OF HELSINKI DECLARATION, INCLUDING HUMAN
RIGHTS.

6. NYT, JULY 29, PAGE 4, UPI REPORT FROM BELGRADE SAYS
AGREEMENT IS NEAR ON COMPROMISE AGENDA FOR AUTUMN
CONFERENCE. SOVIETS INDICATE THEY WOULD MEET WESTERN
DEMANDS FOR NO CUT-OFF DATE IN EXCHANGE FOR CUT-OFF FOR,
SESSIONS OF MEETING'S FIVE SUBCOMMITTEES.
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